

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC., INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY, and MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. INU-00-5
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR**

(Issued June 14, 2000)

On June 8, 2000, Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in the Board's pending investigation that was commenced to obtain data on transmission and distribution system reliability from Iowa's three investor-owned utilities, IES Utilities Inc. (IES), Interstate Power Company (Interstate), and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican). Included with the petition was a request for permission to appear by Jeffrey L. Landsman and Mary Beth Peranteau, counsel for Dairyland.

In support of its petition to intervene, Dairyland states it is a non-profit generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Wisconsin that is owned by and provides the wholesale power requirements for 25 distribution cooperatives in four states, including Iowa. Dairyland currently owns nearly 3,200 miles of transmission line ranging from 34.5 kV to 161kV. Dairyland further states it is directly interconnected with Interstate and is a party to separate transmission use and cost sharing agreements with Interstate.

The petition to intervene will be granted. Dairyland has demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

The Board will also grant the request for permission to appear filed by Jeffrey L. Landsman and Mary Beth Peranteau, counsel for Dairyland. Both attorneys are admitted to practice law in Wisconsin. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e" and Iowa Supreme Court rule 116, Mr. Landsman and Ms. Peranteau have associated with local counsel for the purpose of receiving service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed by the Dairyland Power Cooperative on June 8, 2000, is granted.
2. The request for permission to appear filed by Jeffrey L. Landsman and Mary Beth Peranteau on June 8, 2000, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of June, 2000.